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Help prevent abuse, neglect against children

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. We all have the power to prevent child abuse and neglect. This year the prevention theme is “Safe Children and Healthy Families Are a Shared

Responsibility.” As Marines and members of your community, you have the power to prevent child abuse and neglect. A safe, strong, and healthy family is one of the core structures of our society.

Recent statistics from the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect reveal that approximately 2,450 children

per day are found to be victims of abuse or neglect. More than half (60 percent) of victims experienced neglect, meaning a caretaker failed to provide for the child’s basic needs. About 20 percent, or about 490, experienced physical abuse, and approximately 10 percent of the children had experienced sexual abuse. An average of four children die every day as a result of child abuse or neglect in the United States.

Here are some ways to share in the responsibility of assuring safe children and healthy families:

Understand the problem, the terms, and the causes of child abuse and neglect. Support programs that support families. Report suspected abuse and neglect – it generally is progressive and only gets worse without intervention. Educate others in your community about child abuse and neglect. Be an integrated member of your community; know your neighbors’ names and the names of their children. Give stressed parents a break. Be ready to respond if a child’s welfare is threatened.

Most importantly, remember that prevention, like most positive things, begins at home. If you are a parent, take time to reevaluate your parenting skills. Be honest with yourself. If you could benefit from some help with parenting, seek it – getting help when you need it is an essential part of being a good parent. Talk to a professional that you trust; take a parenting class; read a book about child development and appropriate child discipline.

Prevention of child abuse and neglect is every Marine’s responsibility.

Therefore, I, Commanding General MCRD/WRR, do hereby declare this month of April 2005 to be Command Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Semper Fidelis,

J.M. Paxton Jr.

Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps

FINAL INSPECTION



“This is a chance for recruits to show off in front of their battalion commander ... to see if his recruits have the confidence and bearing to be Marines.”

– 1ST SGT.
ANTHONY A. SPADARO,
Company C first sergeant

Gunnery Sgt. Coleman Kinser, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1061, Company B, inspects a Co. C recruit’s rifle. Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron photos

Fit to fight



BY CPL. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff

Three days before graduation, recruits don their Service “A” uniforms and stand tall in a battalion commander’s inspection.

“This inspection is the final graduation requirement,” said 1st Sgt. Anthony A. Spadaro, Company C’s first sergeant. “This is a chance for recruits to show off in front of their battalion commander.”

The soon-to-be Marines spend hours in the preceding days making

sure their uniforms are ship-shape and good-to-go. The drill instructors help too.

“One purpose of this final inspection is to make sure that the recruits’ uniforms fit,” said Spadaro. “Also, this gives the battalion commander a chance to see if his recruits have the confidence and bearing to be Marines. They are in his charge after all.

According to Spadaro, most recruits pass this inspection with no problems.

“These lads know how to stand an

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RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

Rehabilitating injuries, four Charlie Company men spent extra time in training ranging from 5 to 11 months.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

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Marines wanted for recruiting duty: Screening for special duty assignment

BY STAFF SGT. MARC AYALIN
Marine Corps Recruiting Command, Quantico, Va.

Seldom do you hear that recruiting duty is a cakewalk. However, most Marines who have been down that road will affirm their experiences have been highly rewarding. If you want to improve your chances for promotion, want a break from your military occupational specialty or want to help shape the future of the Corps, the opportunity is coming your way this spring. Headquarters Marine Corps conducts two Headquarters Recruiter Screening Team visits annually in order to meet the manpower requirements of Marine Corps Recruiting Command. From April 4-15, three screening teams from HQMC will travel to stateside and overseas installations to finalize the screening of Marines who have been pre-qualified for recruiting duty. In addition, the screening teams will answer questions Marines may have about recruiting duty. From this screening, approximately 1,200 Marines will be selected for recruiting duty and will attend one of the next five Basic Recruiter Courses. "The future of filling the Corps' ranks lies with those Marines who can make a difference by dedicating their

time and effort to recruiting qualified men and women desiring to become a Marine," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Preston E. Ford, the career recruiter monitor, Marine Corps Recruiting Command. "During these visits, we will screen for Marines who will step up to the challenge and make that difference." Prior to this year's visits, the Special Duty Assignments Unit, Enlisted Assignments Branch identified more than 9,000 Marines eligible for recruiting duty. However, that number will diminish as commands screen these Marines to determine if they are fully qualified for independent duty, such as recruiting. Also, Marines deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Marines in the following occupational specialties are exempt from the upcoming screening process: 02xx, 0321, 0511, 2336, 26xx, 55xx, 68xx, 7372, and 84xx. With operational tempo a high priority throughout the Corps, the intent is to minimize any operational impact during the HRST screening process. Therefore, it is imperative that parent commands properly screen all individuals identified by Manpower Management Enlisted Assignments prior to the upcoming visits. "The command screenings should ensure the Marine's package is complete," said Gunnery Sgt. Allen R. Gilly,

SCREENING TEAM COMING

HRST will visit the depot April 14. For more information regarding the recruiter screening process contact your local career retention specialist.

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recruiting monitor, MMEA. "We want to avoid revisiting a Marine's package, which delays the screening process." Upon completion of the HRST tour, MMEA will issue orders to Marines who were screened and found fully qualified for recruiting duty. A tour on recruiting duty can enhance a Marine's career and make them more competitive for promotion. However, there are several other benefits for recruiters that are enticing. For example, recruiters receive \$450 a month in special duty assignment pay (highest of all SDA pay); they are non-deployable for three years and can apply for a duty station preference upon the successful completion of their tour. "Recruiting duty is one of the most rewarding jobs in the Marine Corps," Gilly said. "I think successful recruiters have to have a genuine passion for the Marine Corps. If they do, it will reflect in their recruiting effort."

Deployed, overseas Marines can be pen pals

BY SGT. MIKE CAMACHO
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Hundreds of devoted are signing up to become volunteer pen pals for a program created to show support to Marines either deployed or stationed outside the United States. The program, aimed at assisting those who want to show their support to the troops, links Marines with pen pals through e-mail and benefits both the Marine and pen pal. "In Fallujah, (Iraq), many Marines didn't feel that the majority of the American people were behind them," said Staff Sgt. Stacey Henderson, traffic management chief, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, who recently returned from a deployment. "While most of them received mail from family members and friends, something

like this pen pal program could really give them that missing piece of support not seen or felt." The service is completely free to all parties, and registration is simple. Interested Marines can register by submitting their information on the pen pal Web site at www.blackbeltacademy.biz/usmc/marines/index.cfm. For volunteers wanting to sign up to become pen pals with Marines, the process is the same, except the Web address is slightly different. Volunteers can sign up at www.blackbeltacademy.biz/usmc/volunteers/index.cfm. After registering, an automatic confirmation e-mail will be delivered with the name and e-mail address of the pen pal. The program originated at NASA as an unofficial effort to support one Marine unit, Marine Attack Squadron 542, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing. The

program quickly grew and is now available to all Marines deployed or stationed overseas. Compassionate stories have emerged of many volunteers' kindheartedness. For example, one deployed Marine wrote how she was upset about not being home for her daughter's birthday. The Marine's pen pal quickly led other generous and patriotic Americans to commence Operation Birthday and had birthday presents delivered to the Marine's daughter. There have been other cases of the program helping Marines with local needs in Iraq and other places around the world. Questions, concerns or comments about the program can be sent to the program administrator at info@clearlake.taekwondo.com.



Camp Kinser, Okinawa, Japan, Camp Services clerk Lance Cpl. Padgett E. Vergabay looks at the pen pal program's Web site. Sgt. Mike Camacho/Camp Kinser

Red Cross helping military's women, infants, children

BY RACHELLE MARSHALL
Contributing writer

The American Red Cross Women, Infants and Children Program and its Special Supplemental Nutrition Program can help military families, specifically pregnant women, new mothers and children under 5 years old. "Many families get by without a lot of problems most of the time," explains Cindy Rich, WIC director. "But with a decline in income because of a military reservist placed on active duty, or loss of a second income because of long term deployments, they may feel the crunch. At times like these, the services of WIC are extremely valuable, and we want to help." The WIC program provides people with free vouchers to go shopping for healthy foods. Nutrition counselors and registered dietitians also offer nutrition education, and certified lactation educators offer breastfeeding support. It assures that young children get a healthy start on life by providing services to pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children. WIC's nutrition counseling and supplemental food is available to a wider range of participants than many people think. "There are income guidelines, but they are quite liberal and they cover many military families," says Rich. "For example, a young couple expecting their first baby would qualify with \$2,416 in monthly income. A family of four with an annual income

of \$34,873 would also be eligible for our program. Even those who have had higher incomes would qualify if their job situation changed and they have dropped below our income guidelines." Military allowances such as housing are not counted in determining income. Rich encourages people not to be shy about using the WIC program. "We know some people qualify, but they don't want to talk to us because they want to be self-sufficient. We really understand their concerns," Rich says. "But we want parents to realize that they shouldn't skimp on healthy foods so vital to the health of their babies and children. Our dietitians can help plan healthy, economic meals." Red Cross WIC offices help more than 37,000 families every month. There are more than 20 offices across the county. There are also several on military bases, including one location at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. For more information about the American Red Cross WIC program, call (800) 500-6411, or visit the Web site at www.sandiegowic.org. Editor's note: Rachelle Marshall, formerly with WIC advertising, is now special events coordinator for the Red Cross. The second Friday of every month, WIC services are available in Classroom 5 at the education center from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. New customers receive a free gift for signing up. Bring photo identification and all enrolling family members.



BIG BROWN GOGGLES He'll get new glasses. But for the intense battering facial accessories can endure here, these sturdy recruit-issue frames serve their purpose. After training, Pfc. Robert L. Smiley, Platoon 1050, Company C, can choose more stylish frames. Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

Recognizing and accepting the term "Civilian Marine"

BY CPL. MICAH SNEAD
Contributing writer

Have you hugged your civilian Marine today? Brace yourselves old-timers, I've got some bad news: civilian Marines are here to stay, and I love them. Okay, so there are probably few of you out there who actually object to government employees, but that label, "civilian Marine," has caused raised eyebrows, agitated attitudes and outspoken stubbornness. Apparently there are Marines, retirees and veterans who dislike the reference because of some perceived threat to the mighty title "Marine." Obviously, Marines are unique. We all know that the Army has soldiers, the Navy has sailors and the Air Force has airmen, but the U.S. Marine Corps is comprised of nothing but U.S. Marines and we wouldn't want it any other way. So the most common argument I hear is some variation of the following: "There's no such thing as a civilian Marine. Marine is a title that is earned, not given. Civilians don't do anything but fill

out a job application." So they don't go to boot camp. You win that point. But I've never seen a civilian Marine wearing a Marine Corps uniform, calling cadence while they walked or giggling over old drill instructor stories, so I'm pretty sure that most CMs realize they haven't been to boot camp and don't pretend they have. I think most CM-antagonists are missing the big picture. No one is accusing the lady that works in disbursing or the guy in the TMO warehouse of being Marines. But they should be recognized as an important part of the Marine Corps team and our leaders have done so with a simple term. I need look no further than the words of our own leaders, Commandants of the Marine Corps for justification of my defense. The first official reference to our Civilian Marines I found was in the Commandant's birthday message from 1996. Former CMC Gen. Charles C. Krulak said the combination of Marines, families and Civilian Marines is "an unbeatable team." In 2003, Commandant Gen. Michael W. Hagee authorized the creation and

distribution of a Marine Corps Civilian Service pin to "identify our employees as civilian Marines and serve as a visible expression of appreciation for their hard work and sacrifice for the Marine Corps." The Marine Corps has even created a Civilian Workforce Campaign Plan to nurture, build and grow civilian Marines. Not only are civilian Marines well entrenched in the Marine Corps structure, they will be a stronger and bigger part of our success in the future. The Corps' 2005 Concepts and Programs book lists civilian Marines as an enabling capability, right up there with recruiting success, Reservists' contributions to the Global War on Terrorism, the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program and the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory. Pretty important cogs in the Marine Corps machinery, right? But all I hear and read about is the horror of referring to "mere civilians" as some type of Marines. However, in my small scope of experience, most civilian Marines work and care just as hard, if not harder, than the Marines and sailors at my base. They work in every aspect of support and, in many cases, directly maintain tools we

use to take the war to the enemy. Many of them can go above and beyond the performance of an average Marine, because instead of focusing on accomplishing "the mission," they focus on helping the customer: you, me and every other service member on this installation. If they find an area where regulations or orders prevent them from helping us, they can directly impact change in the process quicker than your average lance corporal can. Civilian Marines put their blood, sweat and tears into their jobs, and the only beneficiaries from that work are us Marines. The least we can do is find a small way to make them feel like they are a part of a team, possibly one of the greatest teams that has ever marched across the globe for 229 years. Most good teams make it abundantly clear that every member is valuable. This might seem like a strange concept, but making people feel welcome and appreciated might just keep them on our side. Cpl. Michah Snead is a combat correspondent at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C.

Why rob a bank?

The rise in identity theft is startling

BY CAPT. CHARLES C. MCLEOD JR.
Contributing writer

Crimes of the twentieth century are largely financial. Health care fraud, organized crime, corporate crime, cyber crime, investment fraud, and telemarketing schemes are each examples of the recent explosion of financial crime. Identity theft is the fraudulent use of one's personal or financial identifying information by another. Identifying information includes one's name, social security number, date of birth, mother's maiden name, or account numbers. Whereas violent crime typically involves single victims, oftentimes in cases of identity theft, there are dual or multiple victims. The type of information most commonly stolen includes one's name, address, phone number, cell phone number, social security number, drivers' license, credit cards, debit cards, ATM cards, checks, deposit slips, bank account numbers, employee identification, digital signature, electronic identification (PINs or passwords), passports, and health insurance cards. Key findings by the Federal Trade Commission in 2003 indicated that nearly 10 million Americans fell victim to identity theft in 2002. Additionally, 49 percent of the victims did not know how their information had been obtained. Sixty-seven percent of identity theft victims reported misuse of existing credit card accounts. Finally, eight percent of the victims first learned of their identity theft by being turned down for credit.

Personal information is often stolen by someone the victim knows, such as family, friends, or roommates. Oftentimes, the theft of a wallet, checkbook, or laptop computer may provide all the tools an identity thief needs to dismantle one's good-standing credit, or possibly criminal history. "Dumpster diving," or rummaging through trash bins, as well as mailbox break-ins, are commonly used methods of gaining scraps of identifying information. Additionally, "shoulder surfing," or peeping and eavesdropping, is a common practice for identity thieves. Finally, in our high-tech world, "phishing," or taking personal information from insecure internet sites; "skimmers," or portable data collection devices used to store the information from the magnetic strip on credit and debit cards; and the use of digital cameras or camera-phones are becoming more prevalent as means of snatching another's identifying information. Identity theft crimes differ. Various offenses include theft of one's financial information, criminal identity theft, identity cloning, and business identity theft. After an identity thief has ascertained a victim's information, the criminal may commit a host of acts: change the account-holder's mailing address in order to receive payments; open new accounts; drain bank accounts, or write bad checks; charge credit cards to their limits; obtain government benefits, or health care; obtain loans; commit crimes; file for bankruptcy; or work in the victim's name, using the victim's social security number. The previous list mentions only several unoriginal things a criminal may do with one's identifying information. In order to minimize the chances of victimiza-

tion by identity theft, use a mailbox that is capable of being locked. The more secure the mailbox, the less likely unwanted intrusions will occur. Additionally, when discarding sensitive documents like invoices, bank account summaries, or credit card statements, shred the documents with a cross-cut shredder. When dining, avoid losing sight of your credit or debit cards. Instead, accompany your card to the appropriate point of sale location. Electronic countermeasures include practicing better computer security by updating virus protection, installing a firewall, and using encryption and strong passwords. Should someone fall victim to identity theft, he should contact the fraud bureaus of the three major credit reporting agencies: Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion. A victim should obtain reports, request fraud alerts, and submit a victim's statement. Additionally, police reports and other investigative reports should be made. Affected accounts should be closed by phone, followed by a written explanation (mailed certified return receipt). Finally, a victim should change all affected passwords and PINs. On a positive note, of the nearly 10 million Americans who fell victim to identity theft in 2002, 52 percent of the victims discovered minor and major tampering by monitoring their accounts regularly. Furthermore, 26 percent reported being notified of suspicious activity by their respective credit card companies or banks. Do not be a victim. Be conscious of the possibility of identity theft and act accordingly. Capt. Charles C. McLeod is a depot trial counsel.



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MS Walk volunteers needed

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is in need of set-up volunteers. They are expecting close to 10,000 participants in the 2005 MS Walk at Legoland in Carlsbad April 9 and in San Diego April 10.

Carlsbad volunteers will erect tents, set tables and chairs and stage the food area. Organizers need 20 volunteers to set up the walk site April 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

San Diego volunteers will perform similar duties the day prior to the event. Set-up will commence April 9 from noon to 4 p.m. at Marina Park South, directly behind the San Diego Convention Center. They also need 20 volunteers to set up the walk site.

Volunteers are needed to help finish setting up the San Diego site April 10 from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.

Any assistance is appreciated. For further information, contact the local chapter's volunteer manager Linda Ingram at (858) 974-8640 or fax (858) 974-8646. Information is also available at www.mssd.org.

Navy's 19th Original Bay Bridge Run/Walk

Navy Region Southwest's Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and San Diego Gas & Electric are hosting the Navy's 19th Original Bay Bridge Run/Walk May 22 at 8 a.m. The event starts in Downtown San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter.

Enjoy the scenic four-mile run/walk from San Diego's historic Gaslamp Quarter in downtown starting on Harbor Drive and 5th Ave., crossing the Coronado Bay Bridge, and ending in Coronado's beautiful Tidelands Park. All participants receive a \$12 ticket to the San Diego Padres' Memorial Day baseball game at Petco Park May 30.

Register online at www.mwrtoday.com or www.active.com. For more information, contact Mindy Hayes, public relations specialist, MWR Regional Marketing, at (619) 556-9413 or write to mindy.hayes@navy.mil.

National U.S. Marine Parents' Conference

The second annual National Marine Corps Parents' Conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel & Conference Center in Kansas City, Mo., July 28-31.

"United in Pride" is this year's theme. The conference will include workshops, a city tour, a golf outing, a breakfast buffet and a lunch buffet. The director of the Missouri Hilton Hotels is the father of a Marine.

For more information, visit www.marineparentsunited.com or call (608) 455-7276 or (260) 636-3102.

OneSource to help with moves

Marine Corps Community Services OneSource provides resources to help service members and families with permanent changes of station. Consultants can develop a customized "Know Your Neighborhood Report" with information about a new community. They can also send public school reports and a chamber of commerce packets, all at no charge.

For more information on relocation, visit MCCS OneSource Online today at www.mccsonesource.com to download information.

Log in with the username "Marines" and the password "Semperfi," or call MCCS OneSource at (800) 869-0278 to speak with a trained consultant.

MCCS OneSource partners with Marine and Family Services. The service costs nothing and is available any time.



FINAL DRILL
Pvt. Ryan E. Wanner and fellow Platoon 1054 recruits perform rifle movements in Company C's final drill competition Monday at Shepherd Memorial Drill Field. Scoring 69.75 out of a possible 100, Platoon 1054 finished fourth place out of six platoons. Ptc. Carlos Chavez/Chevron

Additionally, bilingual consultants offer simultaneous translation into more than 150 other languages, and phones are TTY/TDD accessible.

Share a wartime Christmas story

The compiler and publisher of "A Christmas To Remember," is looking for memories to share in his new book, "A Marine's Christmas." The book features memories and stories of young heroes and their loved ones, from Afghanistan to Iraq to other parts of the globe, wherever they are defending and protecting America, wherever they have a special memory of Christmas. The creator is looking for stories that include a perspective from loved ones at home, as well as a photo or two. They need not be current, but each should focus on a memorable Christmas, and what made it happy, sad, lonely, fun, funny, unique, heartwarming or memorable in some way.

To contribute or learn more, contact Charlie Jones at (858) 459-7771 or jonesvoice@aol.com. He can also be reached via fax at (858) 459-7737 and postal mail at 8039 Calle del Cielo, La Jolla, CA 92037.

SeaWorld Honors U.S. Troops With 'Here's to the Heroes' Salute

Military personnel and as many as three direct dependents are invited to visit SeaWorld for free during the adventure park's "Here's to the Heroes" salute, which provides single-day, free admission to a SeaWorld until Dec. 31.

Any active duty, active reserve, ready reserve service member, U.S. Coast Guard member or National Guard member is entitled to free admission under the program. To participate, military members need only register, either online at www.herosalute.com or in the park's entrance plaza, and show a Department of Defense photo ID. As many as three direct dependents of military personnel also are entitled to free admission. Dependents may take advantage of the offer without their service member, though an adult must accompany minor dependents.

General park information is available at www.seaworld.com. For more information, contact SeaWorld Public Relations at (619) 226-3929.

Be on "I'd Do Anything"

The ESPN show "I'd Do Anything," is looking for participants. The show does not reward the participants. It is built around good deeds and good will, when a participant would do anything – for example, play football against superior competition and get knocked around – to make a loved one's sports dream come true. No cash prizes are involved. A Marine would have to be on leave because the filming for this show will last a week. To apply for the show, visit www.espn.com, keyword "I'd do anything."

Marine Corps Times Marine of the Year competition

The Marine Corps Times is taking nominations for the 2005 Marine of the Year competition. Any Marine who has shown unusual or unrecognized honor, valor and dedication to fellow Marines and the community during 2004 may be nominated for this award.

Nominations must include:

- Your name, commercial phone number and e-mail address.
- Your nominee's name and commercial phone number.
- Your nominee's current unit commander's name, address and commercial phone number.
- In 300 words or less, describe why you



CG'S CUP '05

This year's Commanding General's Cup is well underway, and if it's anything like last year's competition, it should be a close race to first place. Here are this year's remaining events:

- **Basketball Tournament, Tuesday**
- **Billiards League, May 17** (coaches meet May 9)
- **Softball League, May 24** (coaches meet May 16)
- **Freedom Run, June 30**
- **Flag Football League, July 5** (coaches meet June 27)
- **6-on-6 Outdoor Soccer, Aug. 16** (coaches meet Aug. 8)
- **Sand Volleyball, Sept. 27** (coaches meet Sept. 19)
- **Bowling League, Oct. 3** (coaches meet Sept. 26)
- **Powerlifting Tournament, Nov. 15** (coaches meet Nov. 7)
- **Turkey Trot, Nov. 22**
- **3-on-3 Basketball, Nov. 29** (coaches meet Nov. 21)
- **Field Meet, Dec. 9**

feel your nominee deserves the award.

- Names and contact information of three people who can verify your nominee's achievements.
 - Nominees must be on active duty, guard or reserve through Aug. 23, 2005.
- The deadline for nominations is March 30. Nominations may be submitted online at www.marinecorpstimes.com/marine. E-mail marine@marinecorpstimes.com. Fax to (703) 642-7325, or mail to the following address: Marine Corps Times Marine of the Year Award, 6883 Commercial Drive, Springfield, Va., 22159.

File those taxes

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance center at the Legal Assistance Office in Bldg. 12. is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is closed Saturday and Sunday.

This free electronic tax filing is available for active duty, retired and military family members. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Olson or Staff Sgt. Chavera at (619) 524-8628 or (619) 524-8266.

Mexico border area liberty policy violation update

The San Diego Police Department routinely conducts Operation Safe Crossing with the help of various local law enforcement agencies. Operation Safe Crossing is designed to deter underage drinking in Tijuana, Mexico.

All military personnel without their armed forces identification cards will be denied entry into Mexico. San Diego police will arrest any people, regardless of age, coming back from Tijuana who are too intoxicated to take care of themselves. Commander Navy Region Southwest Border Shore Patrol will maintain a visual presence and assist SDPD upon request in handling or taking custody of any military personnel.

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Maj. Gen. James L. Day, who was presented the Medal of Honor Jan. 20, 1998, for heroism on Okinawa in World War II, died of a heart attack on Oct. 28, 1998 in Cathedral City, Calif. Upon his retirement in 1986, Maj. Gen. Day was presented the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service to the U.S. government for duties while serving, concurrently, as the commanding general, Marine Corps Base Camp S. D. Butler; deputy commander, Marine Corps Bases Pacific, and as the Okinawa Area Coordinator, Okinawa, Japan, from July 1984 to November 1986.

Maj. Gen. Day was born Oct. 5, 1925, in East St. Louis, Ill. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1943 and participated in combat action during World War II in the Marshall Islands, on Guam and on Okinawa, where he earned the Medal of Honor for heroism during the fight for Sugar Loaf Hill. He held a bachelors in political science and a masters of business administration degree.

In September 1952, Maj. Gen. Day completed The Basic School at Quantico, Va., and was transferred to Korea where he served with Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines and the 1st Reconnaissance Company.

Maj. Gen. Day served as the S-3 officer, Marine Corps Supply Center, Barstow, Calif., until July 1954, when he was transferred to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for duty as the commanding officer, Company C, Marine Corps Test Unit One. He was promoted to captain in December 1954. Maj. Gen. Day remained at Camp Pendleton until May 1956, and was then assigned as operations officer of the Recruit Train-



MAJ. GEN. JAMES L. DAY

Received the Medal of Honor for heroism during the fight for Sugar Loaf Hill on Okinawa in WWII

ing Command, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

In September 1957, he was transferred to Okinawa and served as commanding officer, 4.2 Mortar Company, and later served as a battalion operations officer with the 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division. Returning stateside in December 1958, he was assigned as Instructor, Tactics Group, The Basic School, Quantico. He was promoted to major in August 1962 and attended the Amphibious Warfare School, also at Quantico.

Maj. Gen. Day was transferred to the 4th Marine Corps Recruiting District in July 1963 and served as inspector-instructor, 43rd Rifle Company, Cumberland, Md. In April 1966, he served his first tour in Vietnam as commanding officer, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division. Returning to Camp Pendleton in June 1967, he was assigned as the commanding officer, 1st Battalion, 28th Marines, 5th Marine Division. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in July 1967, and in January 1968 he was reassigned as battalion commander, 2nd Infantry Training Regiment, Camp Pendleton.

Maj. Gen. Day served at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, from July 1969 to June 1971 and attended the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., from July 1971 to June 1972. After graduation, he served his second tour in Vietnam as operations officer, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, III Marine Amphibious Force. He was reassigned as commanding officer, Camp Fuji, Japan, in March 1973.

Maj. Gen. Day was promoted to colonel in November 1973 and was transferred to Philadelphia for duty as deputy director, and later, director, 4th Marine Corps District. He remained

in that billet until April 1, 1976, when he was advanced to brigadier general. He assumed duties as assistant depot commander, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, in May 1976, and on November 1, 1977, he became commanding general of the depot, serving in that capacity until March 11, 1978.

On April 29, 1978, he was assigned duty as a deputy director for operations, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C. During July 1979, Maj. Gen. Day was assigned duty as the assistant division commander, 1st Marine Division and as commanding general for 7th Marine Amphibious Brigade, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, Camp Pendleton. He was promoted to major general on August 1, 1980, and assumed duty as the commanding general, 1st Marine Division, and was ultimately assigned the additional duty as commanding general, I Marine Amphibious Force, on July 1, 1981. He served in that capacity until August 1982 when he was assigned duty as the deputy chief of staff for training, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. In July 1984, he was assigned duty as the commanding general, Marine Corps Base Camp S. D. Butler and deputy commander for Marine Corps Bases Pacific (Forward)/Okinawa Area Coordinator, Okinawa, Japan. He served in this capacity until his retirement in December 1986.

Maj. Gen. Day's personal decorations included the Medal of Honor, three Silver Star Medals; the Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit with combat "V"; the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"; the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and gold star in lieu of a second award; and six Purple Hearts.

Depot museum renamed in honor of Marine hero

The Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego command museum was renamed "James L. Day Hall" July 18, 2003 in memory of the late Maj. Gen. James L. Day, who received the Medal of Honor for actions on Okinawa in World War II. Maj. Gen. Day served in the Marine Corps for more than 43 years.

Maj. Gen. Day's family were among the honored guests at the ceremony.

"I just can't believe it," said Maj. Gen. Day's wife, Sally Day, who also said she is overwhelmed with pride by the decision to rename the museum in honor of her husband.

Museum officials chose Maj. Gen. Day because of his accomplishments as a Marine and his contributions to the preservation of history, according to Barbara McCurtis, museum director.

"Gen. Day was very involved in repatriation," said McCurtis. "He established a museum in Okinawa."

Day's legacy in the Corps began in the enlisted ranks. In World War II, Day, a 19-year-old corporal, was a squad leader with 2nd Battalion, 22nd Marines, 6th Marine Division. Despite suffering wounds and phosphorous burns, he heroically held off hundreds of Japanese soldiers for two days and two nights of fighting during the battle for Okinawa.

He was cited for extraordinary heroism, repeated acts of valor, and quintessential battlefield leadership, but his nomination for the Medal of Honor was somehow lost in the chaos of the battlefield. It took almost 53 years for Day to receive the nation's highest military decoration. In 1998, President Bill Clinton awarded Maj. Gen. Day the award.

According to retired Maj. Gen. Donald J. Fulham, historical society president, Maj. Gen. Day's consideration for his troops was his strongest quality. He cared, loved, and supported them.

Sources: Chevron/USMC Historical Division



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

April dates of Corps historical significance



April 3, 1945

On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two. By this date (D+2), III AC elements had reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take.

April 5, 1947

Five Marine guards were killed and eight wounded when attacked by Communist Chinese raiders near the Hsin Ho ammunition depot in Northern China. This last major clash between Marines of the 1st Marine Division and Communist forces occurred shortly after withdrawal and redeployment plans from China were issued for the 1st Division and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing on April 1.

April 10, 1959

Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr. was named as one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. The seven astronauts, all volunteers, were selected by NASA from an initial group of 110 leading military test pilots. Three years later, on February 20, 1962, Col Glenn would become the first American to orbit the Earth.

April 12-13, 1918

Marines of the 4th Brigade suffered their first gas attack on the night and early morning hours of April 12-13 when the Germans bombarded the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun with mustard gas. Nine Marine officers and 305 enlisted Marines were gassed and evacuated, and 30 Marines died from the effects of the gas shells which hit in the middle of the reserve area cantonments in which they were sleeping.

April 15, 1962

Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when HMM-362 with its Sikorsky UH-34s arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was called "Shufly" and its first operational employment involved lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

April 18, 1983

One Marine security guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Lance Cpl. Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1, just inside the front entrance when the bomb exploded outside the door. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans. Lance Cpl. McMaugh was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on April 26.

April 21, 1951

Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Captain Philip C. Delong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lt. Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnampo area. Both pilots were

with VMF-312 flying from the USS Bataan.

April 27, 1805

First Lt. Presley N. O'Bannon, who with seven other Marines was part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by American Consul William Eaton, raised the United States flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World at Derne, a stronghold of the Tripolitan pirates. Two Marines were killed and one wounded in the assault on the walled city.

April 28, 1993

The last A-6E Intruder departed from Marine Corps service. Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 332 transferred the last Marine A-6E to St. Augustine, Fla., and prepared for the squadron's transition to the F/A-18D and eventual movement from Cherry Point to Beaufort, S.C.

Company C lined up in its entirety Tuesday morning for the battalion commander's inspection. In this inspection, the company is inspected by staff noncommissioned officers and commissioned officers from Recruit Training Regiment.

Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron photos

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inspection by now," he said. "They've been through a senior drill instructor's inspection, a series commander's inspection and a company commander's inspection."
This inspection is quite longer than the others, and the time spent standing can make this a grueling experience for recruits. A few recruits buckle under heat or lock their knees, causing them to faint, but drill instructors are on standby to aid these recruits. There are also benches and jugs of cold water behind the big, green formation.
"This happens to Marines too," said Spadaro. "This inspection also helps these recruits prepare for any long formations once they are in the fleet."
Inside the formation, recruits pop to attention and present their rifles when an inspecting officer steps in front of them.

Each recruit greets the inspector by sounding off his name, rank, hometown and occupational specialty, along with active duty or reserve status. The inspector then quizzes the recruit with a series of basic Marine Corps knowledge while measuring certain lengths on the uniform and inspecting the recruit's overall appearance.
Spadaro explained why recruits wear the Service "A" uniform for this inspection: "They wear their main service uniform," said Spadaro. "It's their highest inspection, so they wear their most formal, issued uniform."
According to Spadaro, the battalion commander's inspection is a final culmination of what the recruits have learned throughout the training cycle, and it is a time for them to present themselves to their commander as a Marine.



Pfc. Matthew T. Weigand, Platoon 1050, Company C, drinks a glass of cold water during the battalion commander's inspection. Because the formation takes a couple hours, recruits may feel dizzy or faint, and must sit and drink water before they rejoin the formation.



An inspecting officer measures a recruit's belt. The proper length of the belt is 2 3/4 inches to 3 3/4 inches.



A senior drill instructor inspects a recruit's rifle for cleanliness. The recruits use cotton swabs, lubricant and cool water to clean their weapons.



Recruits hold clipboards during the inspections to record any uniform or bearing disappearances as they follow the inspecting officer through the ranks.



Company C stands in platoon formation. Their patent leather shoes are expected to be shiny and scuff-free.



Lt. Col. B. S. Blankenship, commanding officer, 1st Battalion, inspects a Company C recruit as part of the company's final inspection.

Corps targets racing fans in recruiting goal

BY LANCE CPL. JOSEPH L. DIGIROLAMO
Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

For the Marine Corps Racing Team, “start your engines” doesn’t just signal the beginning of another NASCAR Busch Series race; it marks another chance for racing fans who love the Marine Corps to bellow a few “ooh-rahs” for the team.

On Saturday, the opportunity came closer to home than usual for local Team Marines fans. The Stater Bros. 300 at California Speedway is one of only two NASCAR stops in Southern California.

The team nearly cracked the top 10 in its first Southern California appearance this year. Team driver Ashton Lewis Jr., driving the team’s Ford Taurus, started 27th and finished 11th in only his second race for the team.

Before the race, Lewis called it a “great honor” to represent the Marine Corps, the team’s primary sponsor. “I really look



Competitors make the turn at NASCAR’s Busch Series race Feb. 26 in Fontana, Calif. Lance Cpl. Joseph L. Digirolamo

forward to giving them some happy Saturdays,” he said.

He said it’s special to represent Marines rather than just another corporation.

“To me, it’s so much bigger ... to put on that uniform that says Marines and to go climb in that car that says Marines,” Lewis said. “To know that you’re representing young men and women in the Marine Corps that are fighting for our country means a lot more than to be pushing a consumer product.”

Rob Winchester, public relations officer for team Renzi Motorsports, which includes the Marine Corps Racing Team, said the team’s mission is two-fold:

“It’s a marketing partnership to (get out) the message ... and it’s a good message about the Marine Corps,” Winchester said.

The team’s primary function is to help the Marine Corps Recruiting Command reach its goal of 38,000 to 40,000 new Marines each year.

It’s also a motivational tool, he added.

One fan, Gunnery Sgt. David Yu, company gunnery sergeant with Headquarters and Support Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, summed up his love for the sport.

“More or less, it’s driver against driver. It’s a lot about competition,” he said.

He also sees the recruiting benefit of Marine Corps sponsorship.

“It’s a great recruiting tool,” said Yu. “It also aids in retention of Marines.”

Lewis says he has seen nothing but enthusiastic responses from Marines who attend the races. He called them “big fans.”

“They’re really excited about the program. They really enjoy coming out here and seeing the races,” he said.

Next up for Lewis and the team – Mexico City for the Mexico 200 Saturday, then to Las Vegas March 12 for the Sam’s Town 300 at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Team Marines currently sits sixth in the points standings – ahead of cars sponsored by the Navy and Coast Guard.

“Yes, it’s a good rivalry,” Winchester said about the military-sponsored teams. “We are all good friends and we pull for each other in every race.”

During the first 50 laps of the 150-lap event, Lewis raced his way through the pack to reach the top 20. Later, minor pit trouble halted his progress, sending him back a few spots. But he continued fighting and improving his position throughout the race.

A 30-minute rain delay held up the race before the final 20 laps. After the holdup, the cars quickly fought for position. Lewis battled his way through heavy traffic to finish strong.

“The more focused you can be, the more mentally sound you can be in that racecar,” Lewis said earlier.

Yu, one of about 10 Marines who spent time in the pits, described what it was like.

“Coming here live is a lot better than watching it on TV, because of the noise, the crowd, the smell of burnt fuel and burning rubber. It heightened all the senses,” he said.

Former recruiters sought for encore tour amid tough times

Corps hopes to bring experience to young recruiting force

BY STAFF SGT. BILL LISBON
9th Marine Corps Recruiting District

In an effort to fill some 275 new positions and overcome ongoing challenges signing up recruits, the Marine Corps recently put out a call for former recruiters to return to America’s streets.

Using the experienced recruiters could give the Marine Corps the edge it needs to meet its quotas amid the ongoing war in Iraq and concerns of wary parents.

Marine Administrative Message 73-05, released Corpwide Feb. 17, 2005, asks for volunteers “to enhance the current Marine Corps recruiting mission.”

“It’s becoming harder to recruit, so more people on the street will ease the burden of the recruiters already out there,” said Lt. Col. Dawn Harrison, who oversees Marine Corps Recruiting Command’s manpower and personnel issues, in a Jan. 24 Marine Corps Times article.

The Marine Corps’ motive is actually two-fold: Put seasoned recruiters back to work and from them cull a crop of “career recruiters” to lead the relatively young recruiting force in years to come.

Successful recruiters have the opportunity to serve the remainder of their Marine Corps careers in the job, often running substations and mentoring younger recruiters, or serving as recruiter instructors or operations chiefs at station headquarters.

In recent years, the number of career recruiters has diminished. Approximately 150 of the Corps’ 541 career recruiters retired in the last three years.

“We took a tremendous amount of retirements,” said Master Gunnery Sgt. Preston E. Ford, career recruiter selection monitor. “With those (career recruiters), we lost a lot of seniority.”

Many of those careerists had 14 to 20 years of recruiting experience alone, he said. Ford himself spent 21 of his 25 plus years in the Corps recruiting Marines in Virginia, Maryland and Kentucky.

In the wake of dwindling experience remained a community of recruiters who have only known success in Corpwide recruiting, said Ford. Until January, the Marines met their contracting quotas for 114 straight months.

“When you’ve never experienced failure as a nation, what do you do when you do have failure?” said Ford.



Staff Sgt. Ciriaco Ayala, a recruiter based in Des Moines, Iowa, watches as an applicant signs paperwork to join the Marine Corps. Recruiters are facing stiff challenges as fewer people are joining the Corps in light of ongoing operations in Iraq. In hopes of increasing its success, the Corps recently issued a call in search of former recruiters Feb. 17, 2005, to volunteer for duty again. Staff Sgt. Bill Lisbon/9th District

Veteran recruiters may hold the answer, he hopes.

Selected former recruiters would sign on for a three-year hitch, afterward receiving their choice of duty station. Recruiters would also be eligible for meritorious promotions, which they have more chances of earning there than in most other assignments in the Marine Corps, said Staff Sgt. David L. Harris, Recruiting Station Des Moines, Iowa’s administrative chief.

Incentives aside, some Marines are eager to return to the often-arduous duty.

“I love the challenge of recruiting. I missed it,” said Gunnery Sgt. Joseph M. Angel, who returned to recruiting duty in January.

Angel, who currently heads the recruiting substation in Des Moines, served as a recruiter in Galesburg, Ill.,

Dubuque, Iowa, and Omaha, Neb., between 1994 and 2002. After a tour in Iraq, he’s back.

However, the recruiting climate has changed, he admits.

“What I’ve found now is the parents won’t sign unless their kids turn 18,” said Angel.

The parents of 17-year-old applicants must grant permission for their son or daughter to join the Corps. Even at 18, recruits must complete high school before shipping off to boot camp. As a result, his recruiters are signing up more people who have already graduated vice seniors still in school.

“These kids want to do it. The war’s not holding them back. It’s the parents and their concern for it,” he said.

During his first tour, Angel only dealt with reluctant parents a few times. Yet even after a few months on his second tour, it’s expected.

The decline of parents’ support has had an effect. The Corps January shortfall will put greater strain on recruiters for the rest of the fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

That’s where more and experienced recruiters could meet the increased demand for fresh bodies to fill the ranks.

“(The experienced recruiter) is not shy to go pick up the phone. He’s not afraid to go talk to somebody on the street,” said Angel.

Still, if chosen, the Marines would most likely have to attend basic recruiter training even though they’ve done so already. However, training can be waived on a case-by-case basis.

To be eligible, former recruiters must have already completed a successful recruiting tour, be financially stable and have at least two years left on their enlistment contracts.

After reviewing volunteers’ service records, the recruiter selection monitor will select Marines based on the needs of the Corps.

According to Recruiting Command officials, the new recruiters will be incorporated into the current force of approximately 2,600 over the next three years. Exactly where they will be specifically assigned hasn’t been decided yet, though many could be sent to the East Coast, where recruiters face the greatest challenges.

“They’re probably working harder now than they’ve ever worked before,” said Ford.

Wait lifted

BY CPL. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff

Given the gruff, boot camp atmosphere, a three-month stay here can feel like forever to a recruit. Spending an extra month or longer makes a greater challenge – something four Company C recruits endured before graduating today. And though it was difficult, for these men, their late arrival helped other recruits in the long run.

These rehabbed recruits recently discussed their extended time on the depot – totaling some 22 months between the four of them – with injuries ranging from stress fractures, to broken feet to a hernia.

“I’ve been here for about 11 months,” said Lance Cpl. Ryan E. Siegel, Platoon 1051. “No one wants to stay here longer than they have to.”

Siegel, a Bend, Ore., native, started recruit training with Co. A, but by training day 10, he developed stress fractures in both shins. His drill instructors sent him to Medical Rehabilitation Platoon to nurse his injuries.

“MRP was good because you get a chance to learn leadership more intensively,” said Siegel. “I was a squad leader there.”

After a couple months of recovery time, Siegel was ready to resume training. He backtracked to the second day of training when he joined Co. B, and training was smooth until his company moved to Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., for field training. It was training day 48 and the last day of the Crucible when Siegel felt a pop in his left foot on the last hike. The foot was broken.

“When they said I was going back to MRP, I was shocked,” said 21-year-old Siegel. “I couldn’t even speak. As much as you learn in MRP, it’s also a depressing place. You’re stuck on the same training day over and over. Wake up one day and it’s T-48, then you go to sleep and wake up the next day. It’s still T-48. It’s really hard to watch your peers move on without you.”

Siegel spent another eight weeks recovering before he joined Co. C.

Siegel’s case is extreme, but other recruits have also shared extended time here because of debilitating injuries.

Pfc. Jason S. Clark and Lance Cpl. Tyson C. Hicks met in MRP. Clark was dropped from Co. C after he broke his right tibia shortly before field training. After two months in MRP, he met Hicks, and they instantly became friends. Hicks suffered from a hernia, a stress-induced injury that can be very serious if not treated right away.

Clark and Hicks grew closer over the months, and Clark saw the motivation Hicks possessed.

“When it was almost time for us to go back to training, I found out I was going back to Charlie Co., and I was going to have the same senior drill instructor,” said Clark. “I knew Hicks was a great recruit, and I took him to see the senior drill instructor.”

“I knew Clark from the cycle before,” said Staff Sgt. Alex Leibfried, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1055. “They were both scheduled to return to full duty about the same time, so Clark came to talk to me one Sunday.”



(Clockwise from top left) Lance Cpl. Tyson C. Hicks and Pfc. Jason S. Clark of Platoon 1055, and Pfc. Jeffrey S. Brown and Lance Cpl. Ryan E. Siegel of Platoon 1051, all of Company C, have been in recruit training for nearly a total of two years combined to rehabilitate injuries sustained during early phases of training. Siegel alone has spent 11 months at the depot. Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

Hicks and Clark both joined Platoon 1055, and drill instructors soon promoted Hicks to platoon guide.

“Our guide got dropped to another training company,” said Leibfried. “Hicks said he wanted the job, and I couldn’t ignore how much time he has spent on the depot. Basically, I trusted Clark and it paid off; Hicks is our series honorman.”

Multiple injuries leave some recruits wanting to give up, but the recruits who stick to training end up with experience with which other recruits on the depot can’t compete.

“I broke my left leg, my left foot and my right foot at different times,” said Pfc. Jeffrey S. Brown, Platoon 1051. “I have been on the depot for nine months.”

Spending extra time here to nurse injuries can take its toll on recruits, according to 1st Sgt. Anthony A. Spadaro, Co. C first sergeant.

“These lads really motivate me,” said

Spadaro. “They are the reason I get up in the morning and come to work. They don’t quit. They came here to be Marines no matter what.”

Said Brown: “I wanted to go home. I missed my family and I felt like training would never end, but I never gave up.”

Senior drill instructors said they also like to use these recruits to help teach the platoon.

“These recruits have a chance to learn a lot while they are in MRP, and the longer they have been in, the more they can teach the rest of the platoon,” said Staff Sgt. David Sutton, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1051.

According to Spadaro, the recruits who have been here longer have a better understanding of the Marine Corps.

“The Marine Corps becomes much more tangible to these lads,” said Spadaro. “Recruits who are only here for three months are motivated enough, and they

want to earn the title. But the recruits who have been here longer don’t just want the title, they want to be Marines, and they understand what it means to be a Marine. That’s something the other recruits won’t understand for a few more months.”

The recruits agreed with Spadaro.

“I feel like my time in MRP has given me more knowledge of the Corps,” said Siegel. “I am able to take what I’ve learned and share it with the platoon.”

As trying as it is to spend extra time as a Marine recruit, that time can prove to be valuable.

“There is always a light at the end of the tunnel,” said Spadaro. “If a recruit is sent to MRP, it is to heal and recover from his injury. We are not going to rush an injured recruit through training. It may be more trying to recruits who break and have to stay here longer, but generally, they will walk away with more than the average recruit.”



Company C men take off on the 3-mile run portion of their final physical fitness test March 25. *Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron*

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Recruited by
Sgt. J. D. Clayton
Bremerton, Wash.



PLATOON HONORMAN
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Recruited by
Staff Sgt. K. J. Hamalton
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Pfc. H. R. Hitchcock Jr.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. D. R. Borhardt
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PLATOON HONORMAN
Pfc. A. E. Hinkle
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. S. A. Collins
Iroquois, S.D.



PLATOON HONORMAN
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Recruited by
Sgt. J. C. Bradley
Frisco, Texas



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Pfc. C. D. Boersma
Recruited by
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Pvt. A. B. Keith
Pfc. B. A. Kent
Pvt. R. D. Major
Pvt. J. M. May
Pfc. M. W. McCleary
Pvt. R. K. McDonald
Pvt. J. M. McLaughlin
Pvt. M. D. Medina
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Pvt. A. J. Miller
Pvt. M. K. Miller
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Pvt. M. A. Mueller
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Pvt. P. E. Reyes
Pvt. L. J. Ruiz
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Pfc. J. S. Brown
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Pvt. A. J. Gazley
Pvt. G. L. Goelz
Pfc. S. H. Greenaway
Pvt. T. R. Grijalva
Pfc. K. G. Gunn
Pvt. G. J. Hartman
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Pfc. J. D. Jagggers
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Pvt. C. H. Kjar
Pvt. J. O. Kleven
Pvt. M. J. Larson
Pvt. R. Lopez
Pfc. D. J. Luquette
Pvt. D. McKell
Pfc. A. Mireles
Pvt. N. K. Moeller
Pfc. M. J. Montoya
Pfc. A. B. Morales
Pvt. A. N. Oakes
Pvt. N. D. Oellein
Pvt. K. M. Otte
Pvt. J. E. Parson
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Pvt. L. Pena Jr.
Pfc. P. M. Phatthong
Pfc. T. A. Porter
Pvt. J. B. Quake
Pvt. J. C. Radcliff
Pvt. M. Ramirez
Pvt. D. I. Ramos
Pvt. T. Rich
Pfc. A. T. Romero Jr.
Pfc. K. A. Rucinski
Pvt. S. T. Sedory
*Pfc. P. K. Sibley Jr.
LCpl R. E. Siegel
Pvt. R. J. Sikorski Jr.
Pfc. J. T. Sllaested
Pvt. J. Sosa Jr.
Pfc. D. A. Stratton

Pvt. S. W. Summers
Pvt. R. R. Taulung
Pfc. J. A. Thompson
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Pvt. D. Villarrealleon
Pfc. M. A. Walker
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Pvt. M. R. White
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Pvt. W. Y. Durham
Pvt. N. A. Ediss
Pfc. E. Ferrer
Pfc. J. M. Flora
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*Pfc. A. S. Garcia
Pvt. A. B. Gonzalez
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Pfc. J. B. Halbmaier
Pvt. D. E. Haldy
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Pfc. J. T. Hernandez
Pfc. A. E. Hinkle
Pvt. J. A. Hood
Pvt. A. Huerta
Pfc. D. T. Johnson
Pvt. V. I. Keegan
Pfc. C. M. King
Pfc. T. A. King
Pvt. D. D. Kingsbery
Pfc. B. R. Kohorst
Pvt. P. C. Kovach
Pvt. E. D. Lara
Pvt. W. A. Larsen
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Pvt. J. M. Ludwig
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Pvt. R. F. Mauricio
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Pvt. J. M. Murphy
Pvt. S. J. Niemi
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Pfc. M. W. Somerville
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Pvt. E. A. Stevens
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Pvt. D. F. Waukechon
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Pvt. B. E. McKrill
Pvt. N. M. Wolf
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Pfc. M. T. Donohue
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Pvt. J. N. Montemayor
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Retired Lt. Gen. Victor H. Krulak

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Lt. Gen. Victor H. Krulak, a “paramarine” during World War II, was born in Denver January 7, 1913. He was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy, May 3l, 1934. His early Marine Corps service included sea duty aboard the USS

Arizona; an assignment at the Naval Academy; duty with the 6th Marines in San Diego and the 4th Marines in China from 1937 to 1939; completion of the Junior School, Quantico, Va., in 1940; and an assignment with the 1st Marine Brigade, later renamed the 1st Marine Division. At the outbreak of World War II, he was a captain serving as aide to the commanding general, Amphibious Corps, Atlantic Fleet, Gen. Holland M. Smith. He volunteered for parachute training and upon completing training was ordered to the Pacific area as commander of the 2nd Parachute Battalion, 1st Marine Amphibious Corps. He went into action at Vella Lavella with the 2nd New Zealand Brigade.

As a lieutenant colonel in the fall of 1943, he earned the Navy Cross and the Purple Heart Medal on Choiseul Island, where his battalion staged a weeklong diversionary raid to cover the Bougainville invasion. Later, he joined the newly formed 6th Marine Division and took part in the Okinawa campaign and the surrender of Japanese forces in the China area, earning the Legion of Merit with Combat “V” and the Bronze Star.

After the war, he returned to the United States and served as assistant director of the Senior School at Quantico, and, later, as 5th Marines regimental commander at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He was serving as assistant chief of staff for Fleet Marine Force Pacific op-

erations when the conflict in Korea erupted, and he subsequently served in Korea as 1st Marine Division chief of staff, earning a second Legion of Merit with Combat “V” and the Air Medal. From 1951 to 1955, he served at Headquarters Marine Corps as secretary of the general staff.

He rejoined Fleet Marine Force Pacific as chief of staff. In July 1956, he was promoted to brigadier general and designated assistant commander, 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan. From 1957 to 1959, he served as director, Marine Corps Educational Center, Quantico. He was promoted to major general in November 1959, and the following month, he assumed command of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, presented Maj. Gen. Krulak a third Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service from 1962 to 1964 as Special Assistant for Counter Insurgency Activities, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

On March 1, 1964, he was designated Fleet Marine Force Pacific commanding general and promoted to lieutenant general. For the next four years, he was responsible for all Fleet Marine Force units in the Pacific, including some 54 trips to the Vietnam Theater. He retired on June 1, 1968, receiving a Distinguished Service Medal for his performance during that period.



Pvt. Caleb L. Jones, Platoon 1049, Company C, cranks out his last pull-up at the final physical fitness test March 25. *Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron*

COMPANY CURIOSITIES Here's how men from Charlie Company answered Chevron's questions about their interests and boot camp experiences:

Q: What was your worst civilian job?



Pvt. Ethan A. Stevens
St. Paul, Minn.

A: Working at an arcade, (but I was) not able to play any of the games.

Q: What is the first thing you'll do back home?



Pfc. Jason Soto
Dallas

A: Go eat at a restaurant and spend time with my daughter.

Q: Who's the meanest DI in your company?



Pvt. Jason A. Castro
Chicago

A: I don't think they're mean; they're just professional in doing their job.

Q: What civilian habit was the hardest to break?



Pvt. Nolan A. Urban
Omaha, Neb.

A: Not being able to explain or give excuses.

Q: What's the best Meal Ready to Eat?



Pfc. Rene Ramos
Omaha, Neb.

A: Pasta because it was good either cold or hot.

Staff Sgt. Eric B. Barton, 2nd Bn., catches a dodgeball as his teammates look on.



Petty Officer 1st Class Erin Gill, Petty Officer 3rd Class Kevin Miles and Petty Officer 3rd Class Travis Warren, Coast Guard, grab the dodgeballs from center-line to begin their match.



Roger, Dodger!



RTR throws down as new sport debuts in cup race

Sgt Antonio J. Colon, 2nd Bn., winds up to deliver a fastball as his teammate Staff Sgt. Saul MantoyaSanchez awaits his opportunity to throw.
Sgt. Len Langston/Chevron photos



(From left to right) Sgt. Antonio J. Colon, Staff Sgt. James J. Fuentes, and Staff Sgt. Jessie D. Nieves, 2nd Battalion, sprint to center-line to begin one of three games in the dodgeball tournament at the field house here March 22.

BY SGT. LEN LANGSTON
Chevron staff

The Commanding General’s Cup introduced its first dodgeball tournament March 22 at the field house here.

By popular demand – and with a little inspiration from the movie “DodgeBall: A True Underdog Story” – the sport joined the CG’s Cup and attracted a lively crowd.

The addition of dodge ball came after an influx of enthusiasts requested the oddball game’s inclusion, according to Rachel Dickinson, intramural sports coordinator.

“When the movie came out, it was non-stop with requests,” said Dickinson.

The field of teams was unable to handle the fast, winding throws of 3rd Battalion’s Big Blue, who dominated to take first place and keep Recruit Training Regiment in first place in the cup race.

With seven dodge-ball teams representing RTR, the regiment’s odds of gaining ground were favorable, leaving Headquarters and Service Bn., 12th Marine Corps District and the Coast Guard

rounding out the rest of the field.

After decimating opponents, Big Blue’s Team 1 advanced along with 2nd Bn.’s Team 1. Game one started slow with both teams showing signs of fatigue after a dwindling field of advent dodge ball players. Big Blue took control, keeping most of its players on the court and displaying a well-seasoned team. With 10 seconds remaining, Big Blue caught one of the balls to keep their six-man team on the court and take game 1.

Big Blue stayed in control, catching balls at will and keeping all team players on the court for the majority of the second game. Big Blue eventually schooled 2nd Bn. along with the rest of the depot.

Dodge ball didn’t bring much, if any, expectation, according to Dickinson.

“It took a while to iron out the rules, but it worked out just fine,” Dickinson said.

“I was amazed by the bleachers being filled. It was great to see that much participation.”

With the success of the cup’s first dodge ball tourney, Dickinson said it’s a good bet that dodgeball will be returning next year.